

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

ALIVE,

JUNE 16, 2019

CELEBRATING

& SERVING

THE

LIVING LORD!

*The mission of The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown  
is to reflect the loving presence of Christ  
as we serve others faithfully, worship God joyfully and share life together  
in a diverse and generous community.*

In preparation for worship please take the opportunity to speak silently to God.  
At the close of the service let us greet one another with cheerfulness.  
Please be sure that your cell phone is turned off during worship.

June 16, 2019

Trinity Sunday

*"A season of suffering is a small assignment when compared to the reward. Rather than begrudge your problem, explore it. Ponder it. And most of all, use it. Use it to the Glory of God." - Max Lucado*

## **ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM**

### **GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY**

Prelude: *This Is My Father's World*

Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: *Within the Father's House*

Charles Callahan

Within the Father's house the Son has found his home,  
And to this temple suddenly the Lord of life has come.  
Lord, enter now our souls and teach us by your grace  
Each dim revealing of yourself with loving awe to trace  
Till we behold your face and know as we are known  
You, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, coequal Three in One.

†\*Call to Worship

One: Let us worship the eternal God, the Source of Love and Life, who creates us.

**Many: Let us worship Jesus Christ, the Risen One, who lives among us.**

One: Let us worship the Spirit, the Holy Fire, who renews us.

**All: To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ!**

\*Hymn 473: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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### **CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD**

Prayer of Confession

**God of Wisdom, our choices have denied you. We drink from the shallow waters of instant gratification when you offer springs of living water from the depths of your love. We pursue our own fame and glory, which crumble into dust when we view the sacrifice and service that build true character. O God, we confess that we have not put first things first. We have not lived up to the crown of glory and honor you offer us. Recall us to awe and wonder and guide us in the ways of truth. In Jesus' name, we pray.**

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

†\*Congregational Response 579: *Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father**

**And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,**

**As it was in the beginning, is now,**

**And ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

†\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

(As worshipers, we come from diverse experiences and points of view. We have different racial, educational, and economic backgrounds. Yet we are all one in Christ. We symbolize this as we exchange with one another, by words and gestures, signs of peace and reconciliation such as, "The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.")

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Vera Harrison

The First Lesson: Psalms 8

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Leader: God's Word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

The Time for Children

Anthem: *Two American Folksongs*

arr. D. Shawn Berry

I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

The water is wide I cannot cross o'er, and neither have I wings to fly.

Give me a boat that can carry two and both shall row my love and I.

Now love is gentle and love is kind, and sweetest flower when first it's new.

But love grows old and waxes cold, and fades away like morning dew.

The Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-5

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Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

**People: The story of your grace.**

Sermon: **THE SPIRITUALITY OF IMPERFECTION**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

\*Hymn 138: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

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\*Affirmation of Faith (from *The Second Helvetic Confession*)

**GOD IS ONE.** We believe and teach that God is one in essence or nature, subsisting in himself, all sufficient in himself, invisible, incorporeal, immense, eternal, Creator of all things both visible and invisible, the greatest good, living, quickening and preserving all things, omnipotent and supremely wise, kind and merciful, just and true. **GOD IS THREE.** Notwithstanding we believe and teach that the same immense, one and indivisible God is in person inseparably and without confusion distinguished as Father, Son and Holy Spirit so, as the Father has begotten the Son from eter-

nity, the Son is begotten by an ineffable generation, and the Holy Spirit truly proceeds from them both, and the same from eternity and is to be worshipped with both. Thus there are not three gods, but three persons, one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *Grant Peace We Pray*

Felix Mendelssohn

Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord, in our time peace, oh, send us!

For there is none on earth but thee, none other to defend us,

Thou only, Lord, canst fight for us.

\*Congregational Response 592: *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Prayer of Dedication

### GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

\*Hymn 142: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

CORONATION

\*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

\*Congregational Response : #585

McNeil Robinson II

Postlude: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

arr. Frederick Swann

**WELCOME:** If you are visiting with us today, please sign the Fellowship Pad at the end of your pew. We pray the hour will be meaningful to you and you will come and worship with us again. Everyone is cordially invited to a time of fellowship in the Longstreth Auditorium following the worship service.

**THE MUSIC:** On this Trinity Sunday and Father's Day we give thanks to our Men's Choir for raising their voices in worship. Over the summer months, there are opportunities for members of the congregation to share their talents. Please e-mail [music.fpcgermantown@gmail.com](mailto:music.fpcgermantown@gmail.com) or speak with Tony Thurman if you are interested in singing or playing a sacred solo during worship.

**GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT:** Our Gospel Choir will join their voices with the Grace Baptist Church of Germantown's Chancel Choir in a Gospel Concert in our Sanctuary next Sunday, June 23rd at 4 p.m. The concert will be directed and led by Sara C. Blanford.

**COFFEE HOUR:** This week's host: CDFC. Next week's host: Open. Many thanks to Gayl & Herb Henze for supplying the munchies last week. If you love to bake, buy or share hospitality, we need you to host this important time of fellowship! Please see Delores Solomon if you feel called to provide snacks or hands-on support.

**TERRY BOYER:** Terry will be on vacation from June 14th through June 24th.

**PINA COLADA/BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER:** There will be a Pina Colada/Bake Sale Fundraiser for the Puerto Rico Service Trip on Sundays, June 16th & 23rd immediately following worship. Purchase a sweet treat and support FPCG's mission in Puerto Rico this summer.

**SUMMER WINDOWS DEADLINE:** Please note that the submission deadline for the summer (July & August) issue of the Windows is the end of the day on Monday, June 17th. If you did not submit your Windows information and would like it to be published in the summer Windows, please send it to Cheresé at [communications@fpcgermantown.org](mailto:communications@fpcgermantown.org).

**THE RACHEL CIRCLE,** an arm of the Presbyterian Women USA, will hold its monthly meeting tomorrow, Monday, June 17th at 11:00 a.m. in the Jennings Room. All women are welcome. Please bring your lunch. Drink and dessert will be provided.

**BIRTHDAY CARDS:** You may have noticed that the deacons have offered an opportunity to sign birthday cards during coffee hour. This is going to happen twice a month. If your birthday is in the beginning of the month your card will be available to sign the 1st time. If your birthday is at the end of the month, you will notice your birthday card the 2nd time around.

**THE LITURGICAL DANCE REHEARSALS CONTINUE:** Rehearsal will be held every Thursday at 5:30pm and every Saturday at 10am through Sunday, June 30th date when the dance will be ministered. Thursday rehearsals are held in the Sanctuary and Saturday rehearsals are held in the Youth Lounge. If you are interested please speak to Rev. Rebecca after worship or email her at [rsegers@fpcgermantown.org](mailto:rsegers@fpcgermantown.org).

**JUNE CHALLENGE OFFERING FRIENDS OF VERNON PARK:** Just outside the windows of the First Presbyterian Church in Germantown you will see green leafy trees and colorful flowers in bloom, children playing, dogs and their owners strolling the paths and folks enjoying a conversation or book as they sit on the benches. Vernon Park, the ‘Emerald of Germantown’ is nestled in between commercial corridors and residential streets and serves as a connector, interlude and green oasis in our neighborhood. The Friends of Vernon Park is a group of dedicated volunteer stewards of this vital community resource, ensuring that the Park is vibrant, welcoming and a positive environment for all. We are able to accomplish this joyful work with the help of our community. The financial support provided by First Presbyterian Church has enabled us to tend to gardens, create thoughtful programming for families and invest in (limited but consistent) maintenance during the Philadelphia Parks and Recreation off-season. The Park looked and felt great all winter—and welcomed spring once it (finally!) arrived—ready for picnicking, Easter egg hunting and all sorts of fun. To learn more about Friends of Vernon Park, please visit [www.friendsofvernonpark.org](http://www.friendsofvernonpark.org). Thank you, FPCG friends, for all you do to lift up our community.

**FPCG ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS:** Applications for our annual scholarships are now available for church members, active program members and friends of the church. Scholarships are for trade school degrees, undergraduate degrees, and graduate studies. Applications are in the church office. If you’d like to have an application electronically please contact Christian Heyer-Rivera at [Christianaheyer@yahoo.com](mailto:Christianaheyer@yahoo.com). The application deadline is June 30th.

**Upcoming at First Church**

Sunday, June 23, 4:00 p.m.

***Gospel Choir Concert***

Monday, June 24th - Friday August 2nd

***Freedom School***

Saturday, July 13th - Sunday July 21st

***Puerto Rico Service Trip***

Saturday, July 27th

***NJ Shore Beach Trip***

Friday, August 16 - Sunday, August 18

***Camping Trip***

**WINDOW ON THE WEEK**

**Sunday, June 16**

9:00 AM Men's Chorus Rehearsal—Sanctuary  
10:00 AM Worship—The Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching  
10:15 AM Sunday School Grades K-5  
11:00 AM Pina Colada & Bake Sale Fundraiser

**Father's Day**

**Monday, June 17**

11:00 AM Rachel Circle—Jennings Room

**Tuesday, June 18**

1:30 PM Presbytery Clergy Gathering—Offsite  
2:30 PM Sunday Suppers—Kitchen, Longstreth, Finney Room  
5:30 PM Percussion—Choir Room  
6:30 PM Puerto Rico Dinner & Bonding—Youth Lounge

**Wednesday, June 19**

10:00 AM Staff Meeting—Finney Room  
4:00 PM KSB—Sanctuary, Choir Rm, Primary, Longstreth, Jennings  
7:00 PM Property Committee Meeting—Finney Room

**Thursday, June 20**

8:00 AM Rev. Rebecca at Uncle Bobbie's,  
5445 Germantown Ave. (8-10 a.m.)  
5:30 PM Liturgical Dance Rehearsal—Sanctuary  
6:00 PM Admin & Finance Committee Meeting—Finney Room  
6:30 PM Gospel Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

**Friday, June 21**

3:30 PM Drop-in Center—Youth Lounge, Gym  
5:00 PM Keystone State Boychoir Small Ensemble Group—Choir Rm.  
7:00 PM Freedom School Parent Orientation Meeting—Jennings Rm.

**Saturday, June 22**

8:00 AM Keystone State Boychoir—Choir Room, Primary, Sanctuary  
Finney Room, Longstreth Auditorium  
10:00 AM Liturgical Dance Rehearsal—Youth Lounge

**Sunday, June 23**

10:00 AM Worship—The Rev. Rebecca Segers preaching  
10:15 AM Sunday School Grades K-5  
11:00 AM Pina Colada & Bake Sale Fundraiser  
4:00 PM Gospel Choir Concert—Sanctuary

# Church Officers

## Elders

### 2020

Gloria Bethea  
Andrea Overton  
J. Randall Rosensteel

### 2021

Marc DiNardo  
Robert Seed  
Jason Williams

### 2022

Ingrid Harris  
Joseph Leube  
Delores Solomon

Clerk of Session:  
Robert Seed

## Deacons

### 2020

Randy Clever  
John Orandosh  
Carolyn Tarver

### 2021

Dhyan Cassie  
Rhonda Highsmith  
Dani Howard

### 2022

Dick Liberty  
Dolores Shanks  
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## First Church Staff

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| Director of Adult Education and Community Life | Pastor                      | Rebecca Segers         |
| Director of Urban Ministry                     | Kevin L. Porter             | Eileen Jones           |
| Director of Music                              | F. Anthony Thurman          | Sara C. Blanford       |
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| Parish Visitor                                 | Tony Nixon, David Slaughter |                        |
| Building Manager                               |                             |                        |
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